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Robert VERBODEN aka Alfred H. SCHWAB

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BRIEF

15 August 1956

SUBJECT: Robert Jean VERBELEN, aka Alfred H. SCHWAB

1. From approximately 1947 until October 1955, SUBJECT was in contact with a US Intelligence agency in Austria. In October 1955, SUBJECT was transferred to this Group and has to date been in contact with this Group. In October 1955, at the time SUBJECT was transferred to this Group, the following background information was also forwarded: Alfred H. SCHWAB was born 30 November 1914 in APIA, German Samoa. In 1931, SUBJECT completed his high school education in STUTTGART, Germany. From 1933-1936, he attended the University of LOEWEN, Belgium. From 1940-43, SUBJECT was a Captain and Recruiting Officer for German Langermarke Division. From 1943-45, SD HAUPTAMT, also headed the Frauenespionage (Women's Espionage Group) and was a reserve commando. In 1945, SUBJECT was employed in an US Officer's club in ZELL AM SEE, Austria. (B-2)

2. In June 1956, during a contact with SUBJECT, the handling agent became aware of the fact that SUBJECT had been living under an alias and that his name was not Alfred H. SCHWAB but Robert Jean VERBELEN. As a result of this disclosure, SUBJECT was interviewed and stated substantially the following:

a. Robert VERBELEN was born 5 April 1911 at GERENT near LOEWEN, Belgium. SUBJECT is a son of an old wealthy Flemish family. SUBJECT has a brother named Peter VERBELEN. The entire family with the exception of SUBJECT is violently anti-German and pro-Belgian. From an early age, SUBJECT occupied himself with the social conditions within his village and was active in the organization of sport and other youth activities.

b. SUBJECT became involved in the Flemish Separatist Movement in an unknown manner and became closely associated with a number of the high ranking leaders. At an unknown date SUBJECT was asked to run for the Belgian Parliament on the Separatist Ticket, but refused because of his youth.

c. At an unknown date, SUBJECT became involved with the NSDAP (National Sozialistische Deutsche Arbeiter Partei - National Socialist German Workers Party). SUBJECT worked as a public speaker for the NSDAP and made a number of appearances in the Sport Hall in LIMBERG, Germany. SUBJECT also worked closely with the SS and SD during the German occupation of Belgium. SUBJECT was charged with the counter-acting of the Resistance Movement within Belgium.

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d. When Belgium was liberated, SUBJECT withdrew with the German Forces, leaving his wife and two (2) children behind. Unable to reach SUBJECT and take revenge upon him, members of the Resistance Movement murdered SUBJECT's family. SUBJECT had escaped to VIENNA, Austria. (F-6)

3. An examination of the files, Central Registry, revealed the following information:

One Robert VERBELEN, born 5 April 1911 at GERENT near LOEWEN, Belgium, whose address in 1944 was BRUSSELS-SCHAERBEEK, was a member of the Flemish Allgemeine SS and Germanische SS. VERBELEN held the rank of SS Obersturmfuehrer in 1944. VERBELEN's unit in 1944 was the Sturmabahn IV-1 Flaemische SS in BRUSSELS. (B-2)

4. In June 1956, SUBJECT received an order to report to Inspector (fnu) ~~SMOLA~~, Foreign Control Police, VIENNA, Austria in regard to SUBJECT's right to remain in Austria. Since the order was addressed to Albert Heinrich Gustav SCHWAB, a name which SUBJECT claims he never used, SUBJECT's landlady, at SUBJECT's request, returned the order to the police with the notation "Addressee unknown at this address." (B-2)

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